

Kentucky Board of Education

*The Board's Vision:
Every Child—
Proficient
and Prepared
for Success*



Dr. Terry Holliday,
*Commissioner of
Education*

Terry Holliday, Ph.D., became Kentucky's fifth commissioner of education in July 2009.

Since that time, the state has successfully implemented many reform efforts including Senate Bill 1 (2009) that mandated new academic standards; new aligned assessments and a balanced accountability system; a Professional Growth and Effectiveness System for teachers, principals and superintendents; and a comprehensive system of school and district improvement planning and support.

Under Holliday's leadership, Kentucky has improved dramatically both its graduation rate and the percentage of students who graduate from high school ready for college/careers.

In December 2010, Holliday was named to the board of directors for the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) and served as its president in 2013-14. CCSSO is a nonpartisan, nationwide, nonprofit organization of public officials who head departments of elementary and secondary education in the states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity and five U.S. extra-state jurisdictions.

In September 2011, Holliday was appointed to serve a four-year term on the National Assessment Governing Board. The board sets policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), known as the Nation's Report Card.

In June 2013, Holliday was appointed to serve a three-year term on the Board of Overseers of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program. The Board of Overseers, which is comprised of distinguished leaders from all sectors of the U.S. economy, is appointed by the secretary of commerce to advise the Department of Commerce on the Baldrige Program.

And in October 2014, the National Association of State Boards of Education named Holliday its Policy Leader of the Year.

Prior to coming to Kentucky, Holliday served as superintendent of the more than 20,000-student Iredell-Statesville school district from 2002 until 2009. Under his leadership, the Iredell-Statesville school district received the 2008 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, which was created by an act of Congress in 1987 to recognize companies, organizations, businesses and other entities that have shown long-term improvement in quality and productivity.

Holliday's previous experience includes serving as superintendent, associate superintendent, director of accountability, principal, assistant principal, director of instrumental music and band director in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Holliday is the co-author of *Running All the Red Lights: A Journey of System-Wide Educational Reform*.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Furman University; a master's degree and education specialist degree from Winthrop University; and a doctorate from the University of South Carolina.

A native of Belton, South Carolina, Holliday and his wife, Denise, are the parents of two children.

Kentucky Board of Education

The Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 created a new State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education. By authority of executive order from the governor, the board's name was changed to Kentucky Board of Education, effective February 1, 1995.

The board has 12 members. The governor appoints 11 voting members, seven representing the Supreme Court districts and four representing the state at large. These 11 voting members must be confirmed by the legislature. The additional member, the president of the Council on Postsecondary Education, serves as a non-voting member.

The members serve four-year terms and may be reappointed. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the membership elects the board chair and vice chair.

The board appoints the commissioner of education, who serves at the pleasure of the board and receives compensation as set by the board. The commissioner is the board's executive secretary.

The Role of the Commissioner

The commissioner of education is by statute the chief executive officer for both the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education. The commissioner recommends and implements Kentucky Board of Education policies and directs the Department of Education in the management of public schools.

How the Board Functions

The Kentucky Board of Education meets at least six times a year either at the Frankfort offices of the Kentucky Department of Education or at other locations in the state. The board has two standing committees: Management and Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. Special task forces and work groups are appointed as needed.

Board meetings are open to the public, and agendas are set in advance. The board seeks and encourages the attendance of individuals, representatives of professional organizations and members of citizen groups.

The Board's Responsibilities

As mandated by law, the Kentucky Board of Education develops and adopts the regulations that govern Kentucky's public school districts and the actions of the Kentucky Department of Education. This includes management and control of interscholastic athletics, the Kentucky School for the Blind, the Kentucky School for the Deaf and community education programs and services. Department officials follow board guidelines as they both lead and serve public elementary, middle and high schools.

The board is responsible for setting standards for local school districts to meet in student, program, service and operational

performance and mandates corrective action when any district does not meet those standards or its leaders are not successful in making improvements. However, the board tempers its legal power with a respect for the local autonomy of each school district.

The board reviews the Department of Education's budget requests and makes recommendations to the governor. The board's Strategic Plan provides focus and guidance in carrying out its responsibilities.

What Does "Prepared for Success" in the Board's Vision Statement Mean?

As defined in the board's strategic plan, it means college- and career-ready. The strategic plan can be found on the Kentucky Department of Education's website (www.education.ky.gov) under Kentucky Board of Education.

Communicating with the Board

Members of the Kentucky Board of Education represent all geographic regions of Kentucky. If you have a concern and are seeking the most effective way to bring it to the attention of the entire board, please write to:

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For information on state board meetings, or copies of meeting minutes/audio recordings, please contact the board's executive director:

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Trevor Bonnstetter

Trevor Bonnstetter serves as CEO of Telecom Management Services (TMS) that provides advanced telecommunications services to approximately 60,000 customers in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. He has served as president of both the Kentucky and Tennessee Telecommunications Associations and serves on the board of directors of iRis Networks, the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC), the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA), and the Graves County Eagle Foundation. Trevor earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Mid-Continent University, an MBA from William Woods University and a Ph.D. in management from Walden University. He and his wife, Tami, have two children.



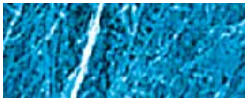
Grayson R. Boyd

Grayson R. Boyd is a retired educator with 38 years of experience in the Paintsville Independent and Johnson County school systems. He has been a classroom teacher, assistant principal, principal, instructional supervisor, and director of pupil personnel. Grayson received his bachelor's from Morehead State University, master's from the University of Virginia, and Rank I certification from Morehead State University. He has served on the boards of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, Kentucky Association of Secondary School Principals, and Kentucky Association of Academic Competition. Grayson lives in Williamsport with his wife, Diana, and has three children and seven grandchildren.



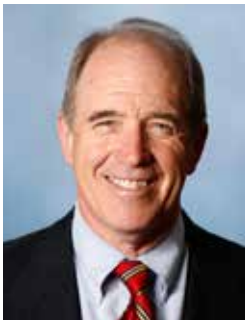
Leonel Calderón

Leonel (Leo) Calderón is the Director for Latino Student Affairs at Northern Kentucky University (NKU). He advises major corporations, schools and non-profit organizations about how to effectively deal with the educational needs of the growing Latino population. Leo has served on the board of the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, Behringer-Crawford Museum, and the English Language Learners Foundation. He holds a master's in public administration and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from NKU and an associate of arts in psychology from Thomas More College. Leo resides in Edgewood with his wife, Kathy, and has three children and three grandchildren.



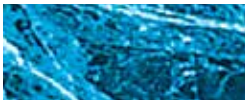
Debra L. Cook

Debra (Debbie) L. Cook has always served as an advocate for children and has recently retired. Her varied work history includes time as a teacher, guidance counselor, and most recently as director of children's ministries at a large church. Debbie also worked as an administrative law judge with Kentucky's Workforce Cabinet and served as a local school board member for sixteen years. Her bachelor's degree is from Carson Newman College and her master's is in educational guidance from Winthrop College. She lives in Corbin and has four children and five grandchildren.



Samuel Hinkle

Samuel (Sam) Hinkle is an attorney at Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC. He resides in Shelby County. Sam is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and Yale Law School. He has previously served on the Shelby County East Middle School's Site-Based Decision Making Council. He also served for more than 10 years as a member and chair of the Shelby County Board of Education. Sam has four children, all of whom are graduates of the Shelby County School District, and is himself a graduate of the public schools in Shelby County.



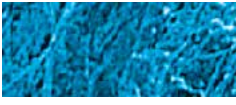
David Karem

David Karem of Louisville is president of the Louisville Waterfront Development Corporation. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning and a juris doctor degree from the University of Louisville. For 33 years, David served in the Kentucky General Assembly and for 20+ years on the Southern Regional Education Board (committee chair and treasurer). He is the past chair of the Louisville Science Center's Educational Advisory Board and is a former member of the boards of Spalding University and the Louisville Downtown Partnership. David and his wife, Anne, have two sons, Dr. Jeff Karem and doctoral candidate Andrew Karem, both educated in the Jefferson County school system.



Robert King (Ex Officio Member)

Robert (Bob) King is president of the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) and serves as a non-voting member of the board. He received his bachelor's from Trinity College and a juris doctor from Vanderbilt University. At CPE, Bob has led statewide efforts to collaborate with K-12 education, has focused campus attention on student success, and is encouraging significant reform in teacher and principal training. He was elected to the Executive Committee of the State Higher Education Executive Officers, is the former Chancellor of the State University of New York and has served as president and CEO of the Arizona Community Foundation. He and his wife, Karen, have four children and one grandchild.



Roger L. Marcum

Roger L. Marcum retired from public education after 34 years and as executive vice president of St. Catharine College in January 2014. He earned his bachelor's degree from Berea College and his master's, Rank I and superintendent certification from Eastern Kentucky University. Roger is a Prichard Committee member and volunteer for Tri-County United Way. He also is past president of the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents, Kentucky Association of School Administrators, the Kentucky Association of School Councils and the Council for Better Education. Roger and his wife, Bobbie, have two children and three grandchildren.



Jonathan Parrent

Jonathan Parrent is currently the chief student affairs officer at Madisonville Community College. He has worked in higher education for over 15 years at both public and private institutions. Jonathan earned a degree in history from Kentucky Wesleyan College, and holds graduate degrees from Murray State University and the University of Louisville. He completed his doctorate (Ed. D.) in educational leadership studies at the University of Kentucky. He serves on the Glema Mahr Center for the Arts Advisory Committee and Work Ready Community Committees in Hopkins and Muhlenberg Counties. Jonathan and his wife, Jennifer, live in Princeton and have two children attending the Caldwell County school system.



Nawanna B. Privett

Nawanna Barton Privett was a teacher, principal and central office director in Fayette County for 25 years. She also served as a distinguished educator, director of the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, and first state director of the Kentucky Leadership Academy and CEO Superintendents' Network. Currently she is the facilitator for the Kentucky Education Action Team (KEAT). She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees and Rank I from the University of Kentucky. She is an elder at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, a member of the UK College of Education Board of Advocates, and a board member for Women Leading Kentucky. Nawanna and her husband, Dr. George Privett, have five children and five grandchildren.



William L. Twyman

William L. (Bill) Twyman is a semi-retired educator and works part-time with Educational Directions of Louisville. He taught math and science in the Glasgow Independent school district and served in administration as a principal and in the central office. He was among the first educators in Kentucky to receive the Milken Educator Award (1993). Bill did his undergraduate work at Campbellsville University and George Peabody University and earned a master's and a Rank I at Western Kentucky University. He serves on the Western Kentucky University Advisory Board and the Glasgow Community Medical Care Board and is a member of the Glasgow Kiwanis Club. Bill and his wife, Lou Frances, have four children and seven grandchildren.



Mary Gwen Wheeler

Mary Gwen Wheeler of Louisville is executive director of 55,000 Degrees, a multi-sector partnership focused on improving education attainment. Previously, she served in Louisville Metro Government as the mayor's senior advisor for Education and Youth and cabinet secretary for Health and Family Services and spent ten years in project management, strategic planning and development with the National Center for Family Literacy. She received a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a master's from the Yale School of Management. Mary Gwen volunteers with the Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky, the University of Louisville Community Partnership Board, the Yale-China Association, and as a Prichard Committee member. She and her husband, David A. Jones, Jr., a local school board member, have two children.